

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 11-14 and 19-22 are now presented for examination. Claim 19 has been amended. Claims 5-10 and 15-18 are cancelled without prejudice and without disclaimer of subject matter. No new matter has been added.

As an initial matter, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 1-4, 11-14 and 20-22.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication on page 9, item no.3, that Claim 19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including the limitations of its respective base independent and any intervening claims. Applicant has so rewritten Claim 19 and that claim is believed to be allowable.

Claims 1, 11 and 22 are independent.

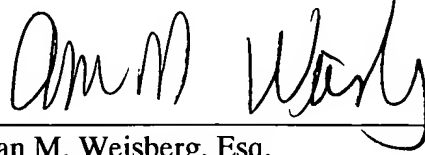
On page 2 of the Office Action, Claims 5-10 and 16-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over McManus, *et al.*, (US 2003/0102956) (hereinafter "McManus") in view of Corless (US 5,514,857) (hereinafter "Corless"). Applicant has cancelled these claims thereby rendering this rejection moot.

For all of the above reasons, all claim rejections and objections are believed to have been overcome placing Claims 1-4, 11-14 and 19-22 in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

Of note, Applicant's undersigned representative is registered to practice before the United States Patent & Trademark Office. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.34 and M.P.E.P. § 405, the signature of Applicant's undersigned representative is representation that he is authorized to represent Applicant and the assignee on whose behalf he is acting.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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